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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Haller,

I would like to express my concern over P.R. Docket 92-235, the FCC's proposal to re-assign radio frequencies in the 72/76 MHz band.

A number of my constituents have expressed serious concerns about this plan. As you know, while the change in frequencies may benefit land mobile radio users, it would interfere with the ability of hobbyists to safely operate their radio controlled (R/C) airplanes.

This sport, enjoyed by thousands, contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Its enthusiasts belong to R/C clubs and participate in organized events and contests all over the country. Often, these hobbyists have invested substantial amounts of money in their equipment.

Any actions which could affect the safety and feasibility of this sport should only be taken after very careful consideration. I am forwarding copies of the many letters I have received to your office. I understand that radio frequency bands are a limited resource and that this is a complex situation. I urge you, however, to give full and fair consideration to the important interests of R/C enthusiasts before reaching any final decisions.

Yours very truly,

*Richard A. Gephardt*  
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(2) Letters attached

January 20, 1993

Honorable Richard A. Gephardt  
U.S. House Of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Congressman:

I have spent many years of enjoyment constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to several local clubs whose members share a common interest. Between the building tools, airplane kits, radios, engines, finishing materials, all add up to a large investment. Joy abounds by the camaraderie that develops between father and son or daughter, grandfather and grandchildren by building and operating their model together. Kids sharing the hobby with an adult, learn how to use their hands and minds. Kids in R/C hobby aren't gang members!

I am very concerned about what has been proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for radio control model usage. It will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72/76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Presently our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we co-exist by not interfering with one another.

The Notice Of Proposed Rule Making (NOPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows safe use of radio controlled aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiast. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eradicating safe use of at least 31 of 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band for R/C aircraft and, 10 of 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band for R/C cars and boats.

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BEEPERS TO AID IN THE  
SALE OF DRUGS.

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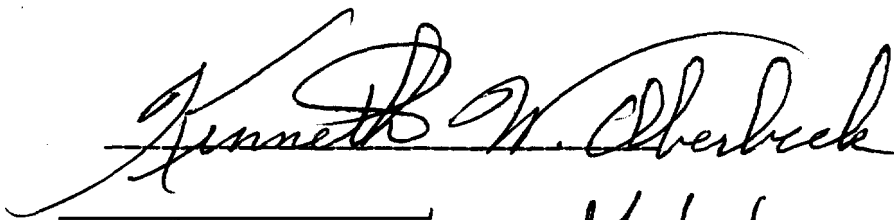
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72/76 Mhz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Cordially,

  
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